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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Examiner's action mailed December 30, 1998, Applicants elect the invention of Species IV, drawn to the embodiment of Figure 8.

Claims 1-3 and 8-12 read on Species III, IV and V. Claims 4-5 read on Species III. Claims 6-7 read on Species IV and V. Claim 13 reads on Species IV. The election is made without traverse. However, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction and examine the claims that read on Species III, IV and V, as this would not constitute a burdensome search.

Applicants also note that an IDS was filed on July 16, 1998. If the Examiner does not have a copy of this IDS, please contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to ensure that the IDS is considered before issuance of an Office Action.

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